

January 2020 TPNA Annual Meeting
Minutes
Wednesday, January 22nd at 7pm
George Watts Montessori Media Center

- Present: Waugh Wright, Diane Amato, Beth Shepherd, Steve Falzano, Adam McClellan, Marc Phillips, Don Ball, Katy Dillard, Bunmi Matory, Stacy Murphy, Beth Emerson, Ron Gallagher, Kevin Kearns, Phillip Azar

- Members: Counted to reach 25, with the board members

- Absent: Michael Forhez, Karalyn Colopy

- Called to order: Waugh Wright 7:12

- Nomination
 - List Committee: Diane Amato, Philip Azar, Ilene Hadler, Alison Gathrum, Katy Dillard

 - Slate:
 - § Adam McClellan: Treasurer (two year term)
 - § Waugh Wright: Secretary (two year term)
 - § Katy Dillard: board director (one year term)
 - § Michael Forhez: board director (three year term)
 - § Karalyn Colopy: board director (three year term)
 - § Beth Shepherd: board director (three year term)

 - Slate is motioned and seconded and voted with all visible members voting and none voting against

Minutes

- Annual 2019
 - § No changes noted
- January 2020
 - § No changes noted

2019:

- Had discussions/presentations during 2019
 - § Move Durham transportation plan
 - § Kings Daughter Inn rezoning issue
 - § ETC
 - § And many more

Officer Laurence Brown

- Community Resource Unit
- Our main concern in District 2 is larceny for motor vehicles
- People too often leave vehicles unlocked and sometimes leave firearms in the vehicles.
- The Durham PD posts material on Next Door for all of Durhm

- He would be a contact point if we are interested in having a neighborhood watch program

§ There would have to be just two meetings a year

§ And attend 25% of PAC II meetings, Partners Against Crime (2nd Monday of every month at 6:00)

- Different government agencies talk about what has happened in the last month and then usually have a guest speaker or presentation
 - Robberies pick up this time of year
 - Never feel bad when calling 911. We don't come if you don't call – we react to calls. If something seems suspicious, call the police and they can determine the response.
 - Don't just share it on the list serv

○ Question: we need speed signs on Duke/West Club

§ This is a good discussion for PAC II meetings and City Hall

§ Captain Gaddi (?) is good to talk to for that, if there is continual speeding 560 4582

§ Or Durham One Call

§ [Since Duke and Gregson Streets are state roads, they are dealt with separately]

○ Question: What about when we hear gunshots?

§ If you hear them, please call 911. Don't assume your neighbors are calling. Especially if they are in rapid succession.

○ How prevalent are neighborhood watch systems in Durham?

§ There are many, and the PD tries to help to make sure neighbors are communicating

with each other.

§ Small groups are okay, but then it ends up relying too much on a few people who then get burned out.

§ He would be happy to get a group registered

§ There is also a Citizen Observer Patrol

○ I'm picking up beer cans and liquor bottles and I notice many people speeding on Gregson. Can we do a DWI check point for Gregson?

§ City Council meetings are a good place to suggest that.

§ It is hard to have the people ready to staff a check point like that.

○ What have been the new challenges over your past 16 years?

§ The hardest thing to deal with is finding folks motivated to do the job correctly. The job's not for everyone. It's harder and harder to recruit good officers to the police force.

○ District 2 runs roughly from Markham to Avondale, west to Hillandale, almost to County Line, north past Northern High School

Treasurer

○ 2019

§ We came with ~\$1850 more than anticipated – due to more membership dues and 2018 ad revenue coming in late

§ We got a umbrella insurance policy that made an overage

§ We were a couple hundreds under on expenses

§ We propose to roll over \$1100 to counteract what we anticipate will be fewer members

§ We will put surplus to the foundation

○ 2020

§ The budget is similar, with the \$1,100 moved on from 2019.

§ We will be \$500 in the black

§ We keep a year of reserves in reserve

- Home Tour

- Stacy Murphy
- Still in early planning stages and discussing themes and houses
- With Marc Phillips, Dan Jewell, Phillip Azar
- Looking for more input if anyone is interested
- Will budget for in February or March
- October

- Communications

- Katy/Kevin
- Print newsletter has gone to every house in TP
- A large income stream from ads
- The committee has tried to ramp up the digital communication (social channels, blog, etc.)
- But we also need to keep the ad revenue coming in and to make sure we make the sponsors part of that conversation
- It takes a great team to write the articles, edit them, layout the newsletter, and deliver them to the community
- We are always looking for writers

- Community Building

- Steve Falzarano
- Next event is the Spring Egg Hunt (April 11th)
 - § Duke is on board to help out and he will post for volunteers and donations
 - § We are trying to reduce the amount of trash that is made and to make it more environmentally friendly (flower seeds?)
- Then Pops in the Park (May 24th?)
- National Night Out
- Halloween

- Traffic

- Beth Emerson
- Deb Dobbins helped get the City to help with Halloween
- Highway 147 is getting closer to completion
 - Will follow up with city
- What about the portable speed signs? Would that help? E.g., on Duke, Buchannan

- TP Foundation

- Don Ball
- The Foundation is a sister organization that is a 501c3 non-profit
- Over the last ~8 years we have collaborated, with TPNA doing the events and political activities and the foundation works on the bricks and mortar activities.
- The Foundation owns the lands for Trinity Park itself and then leases it to the city. This purchase led to the foundation and TPNA.
- TPNA passes along much of the funds from the Home Tour (and sometimes more) to the foundation

- 2019

- § Painted the railings in the park
- § Insect Sidewalk was finished in November and is spectacular
- § Rehung the sign in the park, which was then stolen.
 - Then put out an RFP for Steve Little and Ebbie Watts with Liberty Arts to create a new sign.
- § Mulched, trimmed, and planted with many volunteers
- § The ash trees in the park were treated for borers

- 2020 goals

- § A children interactive learning tool is being developed to work with the insect walk
- § We will have a party for the bug walk this Sunday at 1:30, with the learning tool and the artists
- § 800 more lilies are coming in March and we will need many volunteers
- § Finish the Al Frega installation in the Buchannan median

- The pieces all came from the Chesterfield building

- It was orange, but that seemed a bit too much, so then we decided to paint it red, with signage about TP.
- But then Chesterfield Building somehow changed their color
- We are looking at color schemes

§ Create signage to recognize the different art pieces in Trinity Park neighborhood

§ We are looking at the granite steps in the park to see if we can improve them and put in some railings (we are talking with the city)

§ We are looking into having a welcome sign to TP around Gregson/Club

§ February 18th is our next meeting and we need some new board members

- Membership

- Beth Shepherd
- If you have new neighbors, let us know

- Safety

- Ron Gallagher. See Officer Brown discussion above

- South Ellerbe

- Paul Cardile
- The GI S services staff are waiting for comments from various regulatory agencies. Once they are in, they will be incorporated into the final plans
- The final excavation should begin by early summer
- The project will be a wetlands to gather runoff from downtown and TP, which will then remove contaminants from the water to clean in before it heads into Falls Lake.
- Next Trinity Avenue, Duke, and the Ellerbe Creek

- Northgate Mall

- Diane Amato

- The investors are happy to come and talk to us. We are hoping for March
- In the PAC II meeting, the investors are talking to the community about what to do with the Mall, but they have no firm decisions now.
- These investors did the Target complex in Chapel Hill and various apartment complexes.

- If they have housing, there were questions about whether there would be affordable units, and they were non-committal.

- Expanding Housing Choices

- Stacy Murphy
- No updates since September
- EHC was a major issue during 2019 and we formed a subcommittee to understand what was going on and to survey the neighborhood
- Because the neighborhood was divided TPNA did not endorse or not-endorse the EHC
- The City enacted the EHC

- Can we write a letter to the city council about MacDougal Terrace issues? Including short and long-term plans? Will the bond go to help these issues?

- We will put this on the agenda for the board retreat

- Adjourned: 8:30